

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2023, THIRTY-FIFTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. Tuesday, May 9, 2023 10:00 AM

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to Kansas Statutes.

Annotated Chapter 19, Article 2, Section 18 in due and regular session with open doors.

Commissioner Bruce Blair served as the presiding officer.

Commissioners Tom Moody and Carl Wood were in attendance.

County Clerk Lisa Lusker and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board.

Chairman Blair led the Pledge of Allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (23-203) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **May 5, 2023** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.

SIGNING OF MOTIONS

The County Clerk presented the following motions for Commissioners' signatures:

Motion 23	200	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the May 2, 2023 minutes
Motion 23	201	To recess this open session for a period of 15 minutes
Motion 23	202	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the Road & Bridge Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 12:09 PM

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

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MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

Item One: Ms. Brooke Powell, Safehouse Crisis Center presented the 2023 Kansas Emergency Solutions Grant Application. Ms. Powell explained that Safehouse is a non-profit emergency shelter that provides advocacy for victims of domestic violence. She stated that this ESG grant will help cover costs including utilities, manager's salary, and upkeep. Commissioner Wood asked how long shelter residents usually stay and if Safehouse teaches skill sets that victims can learn they do not have to be battered and can do it on their own. Ms. Powell answered that Safehouse offers a support network that helps victims cope when they get out, and that generally victims return to the shelter about 7 times before they manage to break the cycle of violence. Commissioner Wood asked about the ages of children that come to the shelter and Ms. Powell said there was a mix of ages from newborn to 17. Commissioner Wood asked if there were many homeless people that used the shelter and Ms. Powell responded that only victims that are fleeing violence are admitted in the shelter, and that they serve a seven-county area. Ms. Powell stated that most all of the victims move out of the shelter and stay in Crawford County, seek employment, housing, and enroll their children in local schools. Commissioners Blair and Moody both commended Ms. Powell and the excellent service Safehouse provides and appreciate everything she does for the community. Commissioner Wood stated that the building they have is big and asked what the difference is between Safehouse and the Crisis building on Atkinson. Ms. Powell explained that this building is Women's Renewal, a facility used for women after completing addiction treatment.

On motion (23-204) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve 2023 Kansas Emergency Solutions Grant Application an authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Lisa Lusker mentioned that she and Elections Director Gene Rountree-García attended the 2023 Kansas County Clerks and Election Officials conference in Topeka last week. She explained that during the conference they received additional training by the Secretary of State's office on updated election procedures and security.

Item Two: Commissioner Wood remarked that the work session conducted this morning with the large childcare facilities was productive. He stated he hopes they can make everybody happy but doubts that can be done. Commissioner Moody reiterated that the primary goal is to get the daycares built and give them the money do accomplish this.

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Item Three: Commissioner Blair mentioned that he would like to create a portal on the county website to consolidate all the info on the U.S. Highway 69 bypass and have a way for residents to upload their information and concerns.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson handed out a possible revision for the Employee Handbook on reporting workers' comp. injuries. There was discussion regarding changing the wording from reporting an injury within 48 hours to reporting immediately. Mr. Emerson stated he will revise the wording and bring it back to the Commission on Friday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (23-205) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss the Road & Bridge Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:42 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:27 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:38 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Two: Commissioner Wood requested an executive session for 30 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (23-206) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 30 minutes to discuss EMS staffing under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:09 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:39 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:56 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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Item Three: Commissioner Wood requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (23-207) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss courthouse employees under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:13 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:58 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:12 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: May 12, 2023 – Mr. Quentin Holmes discussing housing survey.

Item Two: May 19, 2023 – Mr. Mac Young, Community Corrections Administrator presenting the Fiscal Year 2024 11th Judicial District Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan Grant Application and Budget.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Commissioners announced that there will be a LEPC meeting at 8:00 AM and a 911 meeting at 9:00AM tomorrow at Via Christi and more than one Commissioner may be in attendance at these meetings.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to adjourn the [May 9, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:13 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed my official seal and submitted these minutes for the approval of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners.

Lisa Lusker
County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

[Taken LAL 5/9/2022 11:13 AM/amended LAL 5/10/2023 1:00PM/amended BKW 5/10/2023 2:30 PM](#)